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# **GET THE PERFECT MATE**

**\*\*GET THAT IDEAL COMPANION FOR LIFE**

**\*\*DON'T WAIT AND TAKE JUST  
WHO HAPPENS ALONG**

**\*\*A STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE ON HOW TO  
OBTAIN THE INDIVIDUAL OF YOUR CHOICE**

**\*\*A SIMPLE AND EASY ROUTE TO A LIFE  
FILLED WITH CONTENTMENT**

**\*\*SELECT FROM 500 THINGS  
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This book can encourage high school, college and even adults to develop and enjoy flirting, dating, and courtship, which will be followed by a loyal happy marriage.

# **HOW TO MEET MR. RIGHT or MS. RIGHT**

## **PREFACE**

Many young as well as older people would like to have an enjoyable relationship, but lack the basic information and knowledge to go about this important matter of life. This is one of life's most delightful experiences, but you have to work at it. It must be approached with similar tact and diplomacy as you do to obtain something like employment. This book is designed to give you those little secrets that will allow you to win that mate and best friend as your life-long companion.

It is a perfectly normal feeling to want a relationship. Do not feel shy about the desire to share your life with someone. You don't have to be an "old maid" or "bachelor" in this day and age. There are an enormous number of "Mr. Rights" and "Ms. Rights" out there with the same desire that you have. There are also a large number of ways to find them. Just follow the initial steps set forth in this book and the happiest days of your life are just around the corner.

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## **HOW TO MEET MR. "RIGHT" or MS. "RIGHT"**

### **INTRODUCTION**

AN EASY PROCEDURE FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE-AGED, AND EVEN ADULTS TO ENJOY FLIRTING, DATING AND A COURTSHIP- FOLLOWED BY A LOYAL, HAPPY MARRIAGE.

### **MATT AND CARY**

Matt, a young friend of mine (who had just obtained his first drivers license), was interested in a real pretty girl about his age by the name of Cary. Not only was she very attractive, but she had a most pleasing personality. She was always smiling and laughing and had a terrific sense of humor.

Cary was also very interested in Matt, but did not want to over-express her feelings, because she felt that it was the boy's position to approach the girl; and that it might appear over presumptuous if she was to act too interested. When asked about her interest in Matt, she would coyly deny it and say she didn't want to have anything to do with any boys.

Matt could talk, laugh and have the greatest time with his buddies. He could carry on a very sensible conversation with teachers and other adults, but to visit with a girl his own age was impossible, no matter how much he had the burning desire to chat. Girls left him tongue-tied. And poor Cary could laugh and giggle with the other girls about boys, but had no idea how to make the boys take that first step of friendship toward her.

### **IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED**

Matt would often attempt to coerce Cary by trying his own crude style of flirting such as: pulling her hair, dumping her books, pulling a chair out from under her or saying the wrong awkward thing.

Needless to say, it put a temporary chill on Cary's interest.

If only Matt could have had a few very basic instructions on the art of flirting with girls, things might have turned out differently. Or if Cary could have realized how to put Matt at ease so that each could have relaxed and become good friends, a lifetime of happiness for both could have had its beginning.

### **IF ONLY THEY COULD HAVE KNOWN HOW**

They both went through high school and college with the same denial, yet all the while wishing they could be together. They each had an occasional date, although nothing serious, but never with each other.

After college, Matt went with an engineering firm and made a very successful career. While working in a different state, he became close friends with a secretary who he had earlier gone to school with and they married.

Cary was a Home Ec teacher. She became close friends with a high school principal and they were married. Matt married at age 27, Cary at age 24. Both

marriages turned out fairly successful even though the burning desire of each, Matt and Cary, would have been to marry each other at an earlier age. Neither knew how to approach the situation in order to make things happen so they just left it to chance to wait until something happened to find a mate. As a result, they lived in different states while harboring in their secret souls a feeling of having been cheated in life.

## **CHAPTER 1 – LIFE IS A SUPERMARKET – CHECK OUT THE MERCHANDISE**

### **THIS COULD BE YOU**

A majority of young people experience some of the same dilemma that Matt and Cary underwent. When surveyed, we found that most people usually wind up marrying their second, tenth or fiftieth choice and probably never realize until later, if ever, that by having put forth some effort earlier, they could have enjoyed a lifetime with their first choice and best friend.

This selection process for both boys and girls should be continuous and ongoing until you are very sure that you have chosen the most compatible one that is in your realm. The work on this matter should be taken on as seriously as any other task that enters your young life. You may say that you are not interested in getting married until later in life. But when the right one comes along, you'll probably change your mind. On each date, and each romance, always be searching for that one that truly possesses the features that you set as goals. Every date or any function can be a social step toward selecting that desired lifetime companion. If you like someone, let him or her know it.



**Investigate**

### **A METHOD TO FOLLOW**

You'll never know where or when you might just find Mr. Right. It may be an accidental or impromptu meeting, but don't wait for it. Start right now by practicing an easy and certain method of meeting and enjoying the company of a great companion. About everyone wants to date, whether they admit it or not. Most of their friends are dating, and the world just seems to consist of couples. You're also always looking toward the extra friendship and for that possible spouse; besides, it's fun.

By using the following method, that selected person will more than likely be a companion who is exactly what you've always dreamed of, not someone that you just leave to chance and hope to meet.

This writing is directed to boys and girls of high school and college-age, plus other young adults. The first portion is talking more from a girl's standpoint, but most of the ideas are equally applicable to boys as well. The latter portion more specifically deals with boys.

## EXPLORE THE WORLD

Compile a list of prospects from different places and start working on them. School campuses are a good place to start. Pick the best person in each class or the best one in places like on the school bus, church programs, sporting events, drive-ins, social functions, co-workers or anyplace you meet someone who starts the adrenaline running. You also might just meet that right person at places like libraries, restaurants, fitness centers, work-related meetings, on a vacation, bowling, bicycling, laundromats or even co-ed hair salons.



Be very careful about "singles bars." Too often they present just a noisy atmosphere where very little truth can be found. Many are married looking for a one-night-stand. Some refer to them as, "plastic people." Be watchful. Be observant, (like the coach who put in the cross-

eyed discus thrower, not to set any records, but just to keep the crowd alert!)

Boys and girls should pick dates who are intelligent, well behaved, clean, humble, with a pleasing general appearance, from a good family, and not a smart aleck. And girls should "select one that doesn't look like he might grow up to be a wife beater"! Then rank them and begin winning them first as a friend.

## THE BIG STRIKE

Don't start with the best one first, because you may fail the first few times. Get some experience. Like a good salesman, get your line down pat before you make the big hit. After all, you are now a salesman. You are selling them on your personality and general appearance. Pick a target – then strike!

You should not go through high school and especially college, without two or three courtships. Most boys and girls deny that they like the other. In coming into a room, many times boys sit on one side and the girls on the other, acting as if they don't want anything to do with each other. The truth is, they would each like to be right in the middle of the other group. Like a quote indicates, "Men like the simple things in life – women!"

Many youth possess such a denial that they may go all through high school, college or even life trying to convince themselves that by not associating with the opposite sex and remaining single, independent and self-sufficient is the best way to go; that is, until they found each other. Only then do they realize what they were missing all along and that the pursuit of such a relationship was a very worthwhile endeavor.

Plan to cross the prospect's path each day or at least often with some prepared questions and conversations. Dress neatly and accordingly and be fixed up so that you will be easily noticed, but not gaudy. Smile and initiate eye contact. Relax and try hard to enjoy the moment. Be by yourself or only with a few friends, so that you can be contacted easily. Soon you have established a friendship; next maybe a Coke or cup of coffee together; and soon it will be a ride in his red convertible and on and on.

Double dates are sometimes very helpful to start with as they often make more conversation, fun and laughter, which tends to ease the tension. "Like the two boys who left to pick up their dates and meet at the pizza place. He said, 'If you get there before I do, make a blue mark. If I get there before you do, I'll rub it out!'"

It is certainly not necessary, either, to pick one with a car. Great romances can flourish on foot. "Like the boy that wanted to borrow the car. Dad said, "O.K. If you'll cut that long hair." Boy replies, "Jesus had long hair." Dad said, "Yes, and He walked everywhere he went!"

## CHECK 'EM OUT

The thought of always marrying a mate with wealth, one who can provide you with the better things of life right off, such as going to Hawaii for a honeymoon, etc., is always on our mind. Be careful, though, and evaluate, with caution, the person who has been raised with a silver spoon in his mouth. He may never have been taught to work or to do without, which is what he will have to learn to do if he is expected to make it on his own! It is better to marry a man without money than to marry money without a man. Money never replaces a kind heart. As the boy who said, "If you'll marry me, all you'll have to do is act like a lady, think like a man and work like a dog." "All men want to succeed; some want to succeed so badly, they're even willing to work for it."

Sometimes it is far better, rather than to catch a rich kid, to select a mate who has ambition, intelligence, education and the common sense to be successful, along with your help, later in life. Then he can take you on long trips later because of the material value you have both gained together. Seek the bottom line by asking questions before you get too involved. Accept people as they are, not as you want them to be.

Good character will stand out and is essential in a man when picking a mate. Date the boy who knows how to work, "unless he resembles the Ozark boy who lost his job in the pork and bean factory because he was putting the beans in upside down and gave everybody the hiccups." "Another reason for so many divorces is that too many girls are getting married before they are able to support a husband." Remember, "behind every successful man there is a faithful woman steadying the ladder."



## CHAPTER 2 – THIS IS A “DO-IT-YOURSELF” JOB

### ACT TODAY–DON'T WAIT

Most girls have the great misconception that Cupid's golden arrow will swoop down and present that "just right" chosen one for you someday or that he will suddenly arrive in another way and sweep you off of your feet. Don't bet on it. It seldom happens. And don't buy that old stuff that there is only one out there for you, and someday you will meet him. There are many out there. It's just up to you to find them. "Every girl waits for the right man to come along, but in the meantime

she gets married."

Each day a part of us continually scans the environment for a mate. It is a task important to our survival on earth. We examine each new prospect (for fit), almost instantaneously comparing how they stack up. Either they are receptive or are discarded probably even before we say hello. Seldom can things be hidden. Like the girl who wrote Ann Landers, "Should I tell my fiancé I wear false teeth?" Ms. Landers replied, "No, Just marry him and keep your mouth shut!"

## BOYS ARE BASHFUL

Girls usually have to initiate the first contact and conversation that starts with just becoming friends. Girls think because boys play football, hit each other on the shoulder with their fists, even fight, show-off and spin out in their cars, that they are really brave and tough macho guys, guys who will soon be coming to get one of those helpless, defenseless little girls and take them for a ride in that fancy blue Grand Am. Don't count on it! They are macho around other boys, but when you get them around girls, they usually are meek, mild, bashful, scared and as helpless as a little kitten. So, they won't come to you. The girls usually must be the aggressors. Create ways to make conversation with them in order to become friends. Remember, real men need love and praise just like each other person. Youth: During childhood, they never hang up their clothes, during adolescence, they never hang up the telephone. "Talk to a man about himself and he will listen for hours."



**Boys Are  
Bashful**

You can go on the attack with confidence though, because, rest assured, he actually wants the girl as badly as the girl wants him. Boys are afraid of many things, though: peer pressure from other boys, teasing, embarrassment, making mistakes, unstable behavior, etc. Regardless of what they say, boys lose much time thinking of girls.

Girls and boys alike spend many gallons of gas and hours of time cruising in an automobile looking for a friend (potential mate). Like the quote, "God made man and earth then rested. Then He made woman and nobody's rested since." The cruising could almost be eliminated if, instead, the time was spent enjoying and getting to know a new friend just by following the basic steps outlined here.



**A Ride In That Convertible.**

Girls should make thorough plans for Sadie Hawkins Day. Start early and have the boy picked out who you want to ask on a date; also have a second and a third choice in the event that your first choice can't go. Men are flattered when they are asked out. Have the evening planned to perfection. This has started many great romances. Girls, just remember the one who does the asking out is usually expected to do the paying. However, if he insists on paying or sharing, be sure to let him. Don't bruise his pride.

One present day writing by two women gives 36 rules on picking a mate. It

states that "if a woman is attracted to a guy, she should ignore him and act like a pausing idiot." It recommends such things as, "don't make seeing you so easy," "don't return all his calls," "break off the relationship immediately if no gift arrives on your birthday or Valentine's Day" and "never accept a Saturday date if he asks later than Wednesday." Good luck "Rules Girls." (I think the two of them should date each other and leave the rest of us alone.)



**Use Sadie  
Hawkins Day**

## **FLIRTING**

Get the list of candidates. Select a prospect and plan your strategy. Make contact by asking a question. Do something like dropping your books or keys, etc., or maybe pretend to be looking for something. If this doesn't work, keep trying. Plan another approach. Remember, he probably wants to talk to you just as badly as you want to talk to him, but is too afraid to show it. But don't build a reputation as a flirt.



Prepare ahead some questions, topics and conversation starters that will interest him. Learn what he likes, such as hobbies, foods, etc. Be creative and inventive. When approaching, you'll be nervous and your hands will be sweating. Be as relaxed and comfortable as possible. Smile and have a sense of humor. Make the other person feel good and at ease. Be positive and attractive. Be friendly. Practice your opening line and get it, plus further topics, down pat. If a stranger, introduce your-

self. Body gestures like winking, tilting the head or touching his arm, are good. Makes him feel comfortable. Practice makes perfect. "Remember this on your way up: the biggest dog was once a puppy!"

If you feel awkward, laugh it off. Be humble. Tell him that you are nervous. Be honest but don't belittle yourself. Let him know you are shy. You will gain his sympathy. Don't fish for compliments! Be yourself. Be warm. Have much eye contact. Laugh when you can, especially at his jokes. Life is real - not a game. Don't pretend to be something you're not.

A good opening line is, "How did you like that math test Friday?" or "You were sure surpassing all of the rest at the track field Thursday," or "You were certainly doing a grand job of entertaining everyone at the restaurant last night." When the time is right, ask him if he'd like to get a Coke or a cup of coffee or an ice cream. If it is not too obvious, try to get his phone number and see that he gets yours somehow. You'll go much further in a courtship if you offer to pay your share. But don't injure his pride. That compares to the fellow who said, "My wife has already started spring house cleaning. This morning she started with my wallet."

Return all phone calls promptly. Be sure to use good grammar and the best of manners. Be adept at meeting strangers. Writing letters is good. It makes boys puff up with pride. But don't write secrets. Boys show letters to other boys. Never say anything you would be afraid to print in the newspaper, and never write anything you

would be afraid to say out loud. (Courtship is when she selects him, marriage is when she suspects him, divorce is when she rejects him.) "Remember, a man chases a girl until she catches him!"

## **SUCCESS IS IMMINENT**

About the same method outlined here for girls works just the same for boys when reversed. It is a numbers game. Try many more even if you succeed several times. If you don't succeed, try again. Keep at it until you become like a professional. After a while, instead of becoming nervous and sweating, you'll enjoy it and it will become fun. (The man who marries well, seldom has a wife who does.) Perseverance is important. Don't take rejections personally. It takes many times to accomplish your feat. Don't give up too easily. They have the same desires. "You may kiss a lot of frogs before you find your prince (or princess)."

Start early and pick the ones who are pleasant and attractive, not the ones who are always complaining. A boy said to me, "You are always telling us stories and laughing. Do you ever wake up grumpy?" "No," I replied, "I usually let her sleep!"

## **CHAPTER 3 IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY AGAIN**

### **THERE'S MORE TO CHOOSE FROM**

Try not to waste too much time on one not interested, especially if he seems truly incompatible. Don't worry if you fail on someone. You won't need every male figure in the country to be your friend – only one. It will not indicate that you have failed. Instead, you have now succeeded in one leg of your journey. You have just eliminated one more. It is like registered livestock producers picking a herd sire. They look at many herds in several states and at many potential herd sires and then they pick the best from their list of top prospects. (No wonder there are so many unhappy marriages: the Best Man never gets the bride.)

Have a casual attitude. Just don't worry if you fail or succeed. There are many more out there. The law of averages says you'll hit a good one soon. You may be worried that you will never meet someone who "clicks" with your distinctive qualities. Rest assured there are many likely partners out there who will harmonize with your characteristics and make a suitable pair. No matter how intent our search, though, we will never find an exact match or that perfect one. (As the story goes ... Ever see a perfect woman? ... Heard of one ... Who? ... (My husband's first wife!)

### **ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR.....GO**

It is very difficult for a young boy to attempt to approach a girl who he has great fondness for, the same as it is for a girl to approach the boy. It is like making that first speech before a thousand people, you have massive stage fright. You have butterflies in your stomach, you are nervous, hoarse, perspiring and trembling! You are literally scared stiff. Being able to meet the person is very important, though, because it could





### **Go Ahead. Make That Date.**

have a far greater impact on your life than a speech of any magnitude. You really wish you could just go over and talk to her. Or you are so apprehensive and so frightened that when you call her on the phone, you really hope that no one answers. But remember, practice makes perfect.

Let's compare it to being on your first deer hunt. You have been sitting in that deer stand for hours without seeing anything but blue jays and squirrels. Suddenly there he is! That big buck you've been wanting for is walking right by you; the one you've been dreaming about; the same one whose head you are already planning to mount and hang on the wall in your room. You know you are going to get him because he is walking slowly and at close range. You ease your gun to your shoulder, carefully slide off the safety, aim and prepare to down him. But, alas! You can't pull the trigger. You try and try but the trigger just won't pull. The big trophy buck then jumps and runs back into the woods. Buck fever! It hit you. You never thought it would happen to you. You just could not pull that trigger. Many first-time hunters get buck fever just as many first-time romances never even happen for the same reason.

Many times the same thing happens when a boy discovers that the situation is just right to approach the girl he has been waiting for (or the boy the girl is waiting for). He immediately begins to plan his strategy. "O.K., I'll count to ten, then I'll go talk to her.

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ... ten. Well, ah, ahem, oh ... I believe I'll count to twenty. Eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, ... ah. I think I will start over. Then I'll do it for sure! One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, eight and a half, nine, nine and a half, ten ... Oh gosh, I just can't do it. It is really no big deal though. It is just a girl. What am I waiting for? Maybe I can talk to her in a minute or two." So you just turn your radio up louder and wait for the spirit to move you, which may never happen, without some definite action from you.

## **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT**

Many people go through high school, college and maybe even life saddled with the same fear as mentioned above. This is why we say don't go for the big trophy first. Shoot some birds, rabbits and squirrels first and get some experience, then buck fever is not so likely to ruin your hunt.

The same is true in approaching girls (or boys). Again, practice makes perfect. Gain some experience, while leaving your first choice until later. When you want to approach a prospect and you are nervous, just take a few deep breaths and make up your mind you are going to do it. If you do fail, don't worry. Just try another until you have things down to perfection.

Once you get a routine down pat, it will become fun, and will be like talking to your buddies. You will develop a knack of putting people at ease by making inter-

esting conversation. Sharpen your sense of humor and determine what makes those people laugh or enjoy your presence. A really good thing is to find something to tease them about that they enjoy talking about. By all means though, don't ridicule a person! When you feel that you have accomplished this well enough, then you are ready to make the "BIG STRIKE" on your NUMBER ONE CHOICE!

It takes much work and skill plus digging down and getting some of your best intelligence and poise. But when you achieve your goal, you'll look back and say that it was worth it all many times over. Boys and girls both, start today. Don't let that big trophy get away from you because you're just waiting there killing time with a bad case of "buck fever."

## ENJOY FLIRTING

Laugh a lot. People have fun when somebody is laughing. But remember, judge carefully what you laugh at. Don't be dumb or silly and make a fool out of yourself. Discourage dirty jokes, etc.

Work at flirting hard and all of the time. Apply yourself like you do for your books or your job. Instead of using idle time for T.V. or getting some sun, etc., work at this. (The best way for a girl to keep her youth is not to introduce him to other girls!)

Have several on the string at one time in different stages of friendship until you select the best one for a romance. Girls should help one another by promoting each other to the prospect, arranging meetings and getting phone numbers, etc. Boys should help each other also. In addition, there are many people around you that can introduce some viable prospects to you. Ask for help from people like your minister, high school or college buddies, co-workers, relation, neighbors; most anyone is glad to be recognized as the one who started a successful romance. (One girl sent her picture to the Lonely Hearts Club. They sent it back and said, "They weren't that lonely!")

When you have made a discovery, it is sometimes good to have a party or some type of an outing with friends and make sure that this person is present. It doesn't necessarily have to be a party of your own. It can be any appropriate event that will allow you two to get better acquainted.

If you have invited this person for a meal, be sure that the place is cleaned up and attractive. Plan a meal that you have had success with before, and it is good to have a backup plan, just in case something goes wrong. Try to have everything ready ahead of time so that when your date gets there, you won't have to be constantly working. Plan time to relax and enjoy the occasion.

It is very valuable to entertain occasionally anyway whether you think your facilities are up to expected standards or not. Everyone likes to be invited and it is a good way to say thanks and to impress a date as well as people who have previously befriended you. It provides a relaxed atmosphere with a special feeling where it is an excellent way to meet and gain the confidence of new people. Besides, it is great fun and you just might get a return invitation.



**Have A Party**

## HARMFUL FLIRTING

Don't ever attempt to flirt by telling how important you are. Refrain from showing off, acting smart or trying to be important. Be humble. Never try to flirt by using bad body language or trying to manipulate others, wearing revealing clothes or talking "tough or dirty."

Girls, dress decently, and not suggestively. Don't go on a date with a dress that's too short. You are asking for trouble and devalue, not true admiration. Always be a lady. A decent girl does not use gestures, obscene language or bad body language to get a man's attention. Neither does she act coy, get drunk or act stupid. Instead, she commands the respect of her date by being circumspect in her manner.

Don't try too hard. Don't tell smutty jokes to boys. Keep their behavior within the confines of moral and decent society. Always bring enough money. Don't go to R-rated movies with boys. Act like you expect respect and you will get it. Don't gossip. For instance: "Helen told Martha that you told her what I told you not to tell her, but don't tell her that I told you she told me what I told you not to tell her!"

## GIRLS CONTROL DATES

Girls should always be in control of the date: at least have the last word. Don't ever be in a position where at the beginning of a date one has to ask the other, "Well, what do you want to do tonight?" Have a plan for a full evening of activities. In about every town, you hear the statement, "There's nothing to do in this town." Just think of the horse and buggy days. Dating was just as exciting then as it is now. There were no movies, T.V., videos, automobiles or discos, but kids created their own fun. That too, must be done in this era as well.

As long as you have a basic plan for an outing or date, you can branch off to other activities as needed. Just being together with an original plan is usually sufficient. Look on pages 30-44 for many ideas that have been most effective in establishing enjoyable dates. In this list you can find some that will adapt to most any situation.

Always seek the advice of parents or other good advisors on a tenure for a charming and entertaining evening that will provide constant fun (and laughter if possible) for both parties. If he has a better plan, use his. But don't tolerate a plan that allows time to just sit in a car with idleness. Be sure that you are home by the designated time.

Look your best for a date. Go ahead, put on the powder and paint. "If an old red barn needs a coat of paint, you'd better give it one!" "The only trouble with all that make-up though, it begins to defrost about 9 o'clock."

Especially on the first few dates be happy, positive, enthusiastic, smile and use your sense of humor so each can laugh a lot. Speak proper language and use good manners. Don't cuss. Profanity doesn't impress anyone. It is a sign that you don't have a sufficient vocabulary to think of something intelligent to say. By all means keep your troubles to yourself. This is no time to air your ill feelings or to complain about something.

If the evening is planned well, each phase of the date will click off to perfection

and both parties will want a recurrence of the occasion. Take into consideration your date's finances. Remember, it's not the amount that he spends on you that makes for a good relationship. Make sure that the date does not last too long. Always leave them hungry for affection, not overfed. Also, if planned well, you will not end up in places of disrespect or a place where it is too loud to have valuable conversation with each other. Always thank him for the evening.

Never be late. When you are expected to be at a certain place at a particular time, either be there or let your date know that you can't. Your word is your bond. Make it good. You must be honest with each other. Avoid talking too much or telling your life story. It is far better to ask questions of the other and set the stage for him to do the talking. Besides, people enjoy your company more when they have the floor and are entertaining or advising you. But don't ask extremely personal questions. Be nice, but not too nice. Don't date and tell.

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **BAIT YOUR "HOOK" RIGHT**

#### **A COMPATIBLE RELATIONSHIP**

In order for a relationship to be worth pursuing further, you must be able to have fun and enjoy laughing at many things and find it a pleasure in just being together. You must be honest, loyal, and able to have trust and faith in each other. You should worship together and have a common commitment and consideration for each other. These, combined with courtesy and generosity, will establish a sense of mutual interests and understanding.

You can tell when your association is right on track by observing your behavior. You will notice both of you making plans for new activities that you can do on dates, you enjoy each other and look forward to spending time together. When you can be your natural selves during times together, and your friends think of you as just another couple, then it is becoming a success. "One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: that word is love." (Sophocles)



**Enjoy Each  
Other**

#### **SHOW RESPECT TO DATE'S FAMILY**

Date only boys who will come in the house and meet the parents. Don't date boys who honk for you or won't come inside your home. It is best for the boy to be prepared to answer questions from the parents, and to make good, intelligent conversation. In most cases, it is usually best to win the mother before trying to win the girl. The boy should ask her a question, then let her do the talking. Women love to talk. Then the boy who listens will be a hit. (Example: First child, "My mommy can talk an hour on any subject." Second child, "So what! My mother can



talk an hour without a subject!”)

The boy should be prepared to answer the parents’ questions with dignity, intelligence and confidence. He should definitely not try to be cute or funny at this time.

## **ABSTINENCE**

Practicing abstinence is the one most important thing that young people can do to enjoy a fully delightful, respectful and shameless life. It is imperative that both girls and boys, even in these liberal, enlightened times, remain pure for their future spouse.

The greatest time of life is youth. If you will apply yourself, the most fun, the happiest moments and the pleasant memories for a lifetime will be planted during this era of life. Don’t ruin it or your future by practicing adult behavior. After an unpleasant date, she said, “I won’t marry him, mother. He’s an atheist and doesn’t believe in Hell.” Mother said, “Marry him and we’ll prove it!”

## **PEER PRESSURE**

It’s O.K. to be in style, but always be yourself. Be a unique individual. Don’t yield to peer pressure. Just because everyone else is doing it, doesn’t mean it is the right thing for you. Boys alone with a girl often employ falsity to persuade her to yield to temptation.

Boys also promote their manly self-reliance (macho) by gathering together with tall stories about how they’ve scored. Most are untrue declarations which spread lies about some valuable girl’s personal life.

They can malign a girl’s perfect reputation and cause questions about her purity. Girls should not allow themselves to be placed in such compromising situations. “Men always study women, and know nothing about them. Women never study men and know all about them.”

## **BLIND DATES**

One person said, “The only thing worse than a blind date is a tax audit.” However, many great marriages have been established that started with a blind date.

If you are an adventurous person and like to try something new, test this method. Many blind dates are prepared by another couple whom you know who will double date with you. However, the most exciting and exploratory excursions are when two people just agree to meet somewhere and hope to establish a friendship. If there is such a thing as a good marriage, it is because it resembles friendship as well as love.

When arranging for a place to meet, always select one that is prominent, well lighted, has a telephone and that is familiar to both parties. Be sure to have your own transportation. Always let someone know where you are going to meet.

The same pattern applies to blind dates as to the ones described under Flirting. At this meeting, both parties are nervous with palms sweating. So put yourself in

his shoes. Admit you are nervous. Ask him if he has ever had a blind date before. Tell him that when you're nervous, you either keep talking or that you don't talk at all. Like the fellow that said, "My wife is like an old shoe." Second man, "You mean comfortable?" "No, all worn out but the tongue!"

## WHY BE AN OLD MAID OR BACHELOR?

You should not be ashamed if you are wanting a relationship. Don't be embarrassed if you want to share your life with someone, because it is perfectly normal to have that desire. People used to get married out of high school or college. It just happened then. You are no longer in the same environment as before. Now you have to work at it like you do in getting a job.

Be picky. Don't just take up with the first one that comes along.

Have a lot of dates. Meet many people and cull them. It's hard to select someone for a romance without meeting many people.

When you do find that someone, and you are definitely sure about it, the next big hurdle to climb may be getting him to propose to you. Women misunderstand men in that respect. Marriage is not a man's sport. He hates the thoughts of marching down the aisle. Also, men want to make sure this thing will work. Men are afraid of failure. And to him, divorce is a failure. If you are sure that he loves you, then women usually have to suggest the marriage idea in some manner. If you are being loved, then it's O.K., but if you are not sure, then cull him and look for another. There is no use being an "old maid" or "bachelor" unless you really want to be. Many right ones are out there, and there are many ways to find them.



**Don't Be An  
"Old Maid"**

## CHAPTER 5 DO IT ONCE AND DO IT RIGHT

### THE SCIENTIFIC APPROACH AFTER SCHOOL

Many people should consider scientifically selecting a mate. Use a dating service, the Internet, a Computer Alliance or even ads in reputable publications. Then you can select many desirable attributes before even seeing the person. When the meeting does occur, you already have built in many very mutual topics of conversation.



**Use "High  
Tech" Methods**

Some countries still use the system of parents selecting the mate. It has a much higher percentage of compatibility than the haphazard selection or just waiting for that right person to come along, which we use in the U.S. Our system results in over 50 percent of divorces.

Ads are used very successfully for people who do not have ready access to the latest technology in selecting a mate. Even if the proper person does not see the friends will most every time see the ad and show it to you as a likely candidate. There are many people out there who are in the same status as yourself. They are ready to settle down, but are not in just the right position to become acquainted with someone compatible, or do not know how to start learning of the ones available. Many very compatible people live only a short distance apart, who are lonely, and would enjoy a very comfortable life together, if they were only introduced to each other. This is why some system of getting to meet each other must be initiated by one of the interested parties in order to fulfill the dreams of both.

In running ads it is sometimes, but not necessarily, better to run the ad with a good friend's phone number. As the friend gives you the names, you can screen them before calling. Be sure to call them all, though, regardless of how ridiculous they sound. Just don't give out any information about residence, phone numbers or where you work and etc.

The following are some ad examples:

Example number 1: **LOOKING FOR A HUSBAND?** I have a very good friend in his 30s who has been in construction and is now ready to settle down with the right Christian lady. He is 6'2", has a terrific sense of humor, a great personality, and enjoys sports and music. For further information, call Ph. \_\_\_\_\_.

Example number 2: **LOOKING FOR A HUSBAND?** I have a very good friend in his 30s who has just opened a business and is now ready to settle down with the right Christian lady. He is 5'10," has a very likable personality and is rather shy; has a business degree from NWU. For further information, call Ph. \_\_\_\_\_.

Example number 3: **LOOKING FOR A WIFE?** I have a very good friend in her 30s who is a school teacher and is now ready to settle down with the right Christian man that would be compatible. She has excellent leadership abilities, a tremendous personality, a conservative nature and is very attractive. For further information, call Ph. \_\_\_\_\_.

Example number 4: **LOOKING FOR A WIFE?** I have a very good friend in her 30s who has been a traveling computer specialist and is now ready to settle down with the right Christian mate. She is very pretty, has a perfect personality with a host of friends over the U.S. and other countries. She has a Masters Degree from an Ivy League college. For further information, call Ph. \_\_\_\_\_.

In some documentaries on T.V., they state that the two most successful methods of meeting a mate now is either at church or with some type of dating service.

Some people attempt to find a match at a "singles bar." This activity should be approached with caution. Most times there is much prevarication and expounding and you may not be seeing the real person there; and too, not everyone is single. It can also be expensive as well as being very loud and emotionally depressing.

## **TEN ROMANCES BEFORE THINKING OF MATRIMONY**

An old dean at the University of Missouri taught me two things that I've never forgotten. One was on how to raise kids. He said just throw away all of the Dr. Spock books and use King Solomon's method of a firm hand and a lot of loving. He

said this also applies to handling a wife.

The other thing he always said, and also the same thing was taught in sociology, is that you should have at least 10 courtships before thinking of matrimony. Then go back and marry your best friend. Use this method if you want to be assured of a really happy, long marriage of harmony that will be free of disputes. Of course, all married couples fight once in a while, but that is how they learn to understand one another and grow in their love. In order to have a good spouse, you have to be one. The ultimate is "one life, one wife." A marriage is a union that requires unity. "You can tie two cats by the tail and throw them over a clothesline. That is union, but not unity!"

## THE MODERN NEED

The value of having 10 romances is probably more true today than it was a couple of generations ago. Back then divorce was almost unheard of. Now over 50 percent of all marriages end in divorce. Close friends of mine who have endured a divorce say it is worse than a death. Like a contagious disease, we are besieged by an epidemic of divorce. Prepare now to avoid such a tragic trauma. "Divorce often turns a short matrimony into a long alimony." Marriage takes work.

By experiencing several romances, it generally gets the philandering out of the system and each party is not always looking over the fence or wishing they could call back the days in high school or college to try again at that attractive individual who they were too afraid to talk to then. By having several courtships beforehand, it reduces the animal instinct of later becoming polygamous. (Some people marry for love, some for money, but most for a short time.)

## COMPATIBILITY A NECESSITY

Be sure that you are compatible. It has been said that, "Women fall in love through their ears and men through their eyes." If there are disputes in dating, you can rest assured they will be one hundredfold in marriage. Junk him and get another. There are plenty out there. Even in the best conditions, the first six months of marriage are extremely difficult. "Marry in haste, and pay alimony at leisure."

Courtship is a critically important and instrumental time. It is a time during which we can gradually discover the often hidden dimensions of our potential partners as well as the ways in which our interactions might become problematic. One philosopher stated, "Man is not complete until he is married. Then he is finished!"

Times of turbulence occur in the lives of nearly every couple. In dealing with men, do unto them as you would have them do unto you. But in a healing relationship, areas of conflict will change and become less intense as the partners grow more accepting, forgiving and loving. Remember, "there are two kinds of marriages, compatible and combatable." The person you date will be different from the person you marry even if it is the same person. Everyone hides his imperfections when they date – but after marriage, it is the toothpaste tube squeezed in the middle, the hose hanging in the



shower, the early morning bad breath, the curlers, get me this, get me that, why isn't dinner ready, etc., that are never noticed during a courtship.

Always be honest with each other about your feelings. Make sure that the man falls in love with your degree of intelligence and your personality, not all together with your bodily attractiveness. Some of the most beautiful people are in fact physically unattractive, but their heart, manners, words and respect of others make them more beautiful than a beauty queen. As you grow older, your body will become less appealing, but your mind will continue to be more valuable.

## **JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS**

Don't just fall head over heels with that first Don Juan that comes into your life. The law of averages would dictate to us that it is over one thousand to one odds against the fact that this individual would actually be the one most suited for you. So check out several. You only have one time in life to do it. Besides, it is fun.

After all of the romantic research and selections process, when we go back to marry our best friend, we should ask each other: Is this for lust or is it love? Are we making the right relationship or are we pursuing another of life's tragic mistakes? Should we go ahead and jump into this with both feet? Or should we retreat now, before suffering one of life's greatest horrors: a tragic divorce! "Some lovers kiss with their eyes closed. Sometimes, unfortunately, they marry the same way!" "Two can live as cheaply as one can pay alimony."

My surveys reveal that few people actually marry the mate they would really prefer. It also shows that after the experience of several romances, a person is much more knowledgeable and qualified to pick a compatible mate. Rather than date one person for a long time, it appears to be much more fruitful to enjoy and experiment with several courtships during the same time period, from 16 years old until the expected engagement time (assuming that 16 is the most accepted age to start limited dating.) So, ideally, you should divide that period of time into 10 or more stages. Then let each romance last about an average of each stage in time length.

## **EARLY PROPOSALS**

Don't even try for a proposal until you know what he loves and fears; his goals, expectations of the future and what he expects from you. Marriage is forever, not for a big show of material things. Make sure that you can discuss things of mutual interest. During the first few months of marriage, there will be problems arise. But be sure not to go into marriage if major problems already exist. After marriage, when he fails to visit with you about your problem, or ignores you and acts as if you are not in his world, you will wonder if this is the same man that you were engaged to earlier.

Be in tune with his soul, not just a ring or his bank account. Souls are forever; money is fleeting.

And there is reason for optimism in believing that it is quite possible to be lovingly mated for life, ultimately to reach death having known the kind of deep shar-

ing, harmony and closeness that a fulfilling committed relationship brings. Don't be like the fellow who said, "I didn't know what happiness was 'til I got married. Then it was too late!"

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **KEEP THE "MARKET LINE" OPEN**

#### **LET HIM DOWN GENTLY**

When breaking off a romance, be sure to end it with a happy note; agreeing that it will be much better for us both to find out by dating others, that we are truly the best for each other. Keep in contact, though. Write letters. Make phone calls, maybe an occasional gift. Be sure and watch your best friend close enough that he doesn't get married while you are doing your research. He may be the one you want to come back to. Share your joy-love-tears and fears. Don't be afraid to show emotion. The same applies to boys. Then if it is meant for you to be together in the future, you'll yearn to do just that. Like the Scriptures say, "When you marry, the two of you become one." The only trouble in my marriage was, we never could decide which one!

Sometimes romances simply fade on their own. When you are growing tired of each other, break off the relationship, at least for a while. If you feel uncomfortable with someone, you know they have problems. End it when any of these things exist: You would rather do things and be by yourself and you need more time alone, things that the date does begins to bother you, going on dates is sometimes boring, or you don't look forward to calling or visiting with each other so much. Love with your heart, but think with your head about your future and what is best for you.



**End On A  
Happy Note**

#### **LET THE WORLD KNOW**

When you do break up, let the world know about it, because other boys will then know you are available. During the time that you're going steady, usually other boys don't pay much attention to you. But when they learn that an attractive, nice girl is available, they can't open enough doors, buy enough Cokes for you, etc. They then start flirting and get out the red carpet. If the boys do happen to be slow in contacting you, then start exploring again as we explained previously. "The ambitious girls start out to make a name for themselves, but they usually end up accepting some man's."

Girls, it is nice to wear rings but keep all rings off of that ring finger: third finger, left hand. It is a definite deterrent to boys. They either think you are married, engaged or spoken for, and they automatically assume that he is a huge tackle on the football team. They certainly don't want to have to whip him to get you!

Boys can be loping a horse down Main Street and tell whether a group of girls along the sidewalk have something on the ring finger or not. They ride on by if they see a ring on that finger, but if not, they stop and chat. You will miss many an opportunity. Always be available. Have fun now. Always be looking, whether spoken for or engaged, until you tie the knot and say, "I do." Then it is all over. But never cheat on a "steady."

## CHILDHOOD SWEETHEARTS

Many successful marriages, however, have begun between childhood sweethearts and just became a natural. But the present divorce statistics show that the best percentages are in favor of those who shop around before, not after, matrimony. Marriage takes work to succeed.



Not everyone is a beauty queen, but real beauty lies within the heart. It is the kindness, the laugh, the gentle, warm smile or the great personality that counts in the long run, so this program will work for everyone. One fellow said that "his wife was so ugly she'd make a freight train take a dirt road! But she was exactly what he wanted."

## ROSIE THE RIVETER

The above is especially true now since "Rosie the Riveter" didn't come home from the job after World War II. Rosie the Riveter was a term applied during the war to the women that had to build planes, ships and tanks for the war effort because all of the able-bodied men were in the armed forces fighting for our freedom.

When the war was over, they didn't want to give up that paycheck, so they kept working. Always before, women stayed home. So now, with so many women working, we have to modernize our way of thinking by applying some of the enclosed ideas.

Lawyers tell us now because of the extra pressure of both spouses working, there are more breakfast and meal-time quarrels. Both parties often go to work angry or at least less than enthusiastic about their homelife. After pouring out their perplexities to an attractive associate at work or to a shapely secretary and gaining sympathy, an office romance or two could begin. It is all too often followed by a tragic divorce. "A friend of mine said that he started to get a divorce once but got arrested for leaving the scene of an accident!) "Many divorces are caused by incompatibility – He lost his income and she lost her "patability."



**Women Kept  
Working**

## MOST IMPORTANT DECISION OF LIFE

One of the most significant concerns you'll ever have is who you marry. The one

most momentous resolution of life is your spiritual needs. This is not learned in school anymore – as it was in the days of the pilgrims. So you will have to go elsewhere to obtain this. It is important, though, because it determines where you will spend eternity, where there will be no such thing as time.

Make sure that your church preferences are agreed upon before marriage. It is very difficult to have a successful marriage when unequally yoked together spiritually. II Corinthians 6:14.

Recorded history reveals that we have been here on earth as Hominoidea (man-like) or Homo-Divine humans 6,000 to 8,000 years, which is a mere thin page of the great volume of time. Scientists know that the earth was about 15 billion years in forming and time was at least 150 billion years or much more prior to that. When the earth ends in its present form, which according to the best predictions may be soon, an endless eternity begins again where there is no such thing as time. So don't miss it. "You never see angels with beards because men who get to heaven make it only by a close shave."

The truly second most important decision you make in your lifetime is who you marry. So start working on it today and practice it daily. Don't just wait for it to happen. You may wait too long and become a career woman or bachelor, or reluctantly marry someone who was your 101st choice. "Girls who don't marry by 28 usually stay at that age until they do."

Choose from many and pick one that is truly compatible. But always keep in mind, being happily single is far superior to being unhappily married.

If I come back in a few years and find that you have married a man who cannot support you and you have to go to work from sun 'til sun, just remember, it is your own fault. The good ones are out there. Go after them.

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **OMIT THE GUESSWORK**

#### **WHAT SHOULD BOYS DO?**

Most of the above procedures are the same for boys as they are for girls. The only thing that boys must do is throw away their pride and admit that they are bashful, shy and helpless around girls. They must turn from their fear of repercussions, reprisals and teasing from other boys as well as the fear of stumbling at the approach of a girl.

Boys will face the toughest fight on the street without fear. They will defend their country at war. They will enter a prizefight ring with the greatest muscle, force and authority. They will drive the fastest race car made, but they are so helpless around a cute little girl who actually would like, more than anything else, to share just a few moments alone with him. "Faint heart never won fair lady."

In order to reach perfection, it takes much practice. The first few tries are very difficult. You may also be nervous with sweaty hands, without a word to say, or if you have the words, they are probably the wrong ones anyway. So have your conversation and questions prepared ahead. But be creative. Don't worry if you fail many times. Success is just around the corner waiting for you. Keep trying. "The cautious

suitor who stays on the fence too long usually ends up getting the gate.” (Anonymous)

## MANY GIRL FRIENDS

Boys should start by attempting to establish many friendships with several girls at a time. Do this until you are comfortable approaching and visiting with girls. Then you can later select one for a short romance. At this age, boys should quit spending all of their time with only boys. Spend a reasonable portion of your time with girls. Girls should do the same regarding boys.

By starting early, you get first choice. But it doesn't always have to be the most attractive. Personality, gentleness and kindness are very important. A little boy asked a man, “Don't you have two daughters?” The man said, “Yes, Hortense and Lassie.” Boy said, “But Lassie's a dog.” The man said, “Wait until you see Hortense!”

Don't feel that you have to have one who is flawless: one who is supremely excellent in quality and who can bring perfection and completion immediately. You can polish the diamond and perfect the performance later: like cooking and sewing. One fellow said, “My wife is just like she was when we got married.” “You mean your wife still looks like a bride after 25 years?” “No she still cooks like a bride!”

When approaching a girl, don't pull her hair, hit her on the shoulder or be mean to her in any way like boys do to each other. Be nice to her. Carry her books, open doors for her, buy her Cokes or ice cream. Be humble. Don't show off or be silly. Remember, girls mature a little faster than boys and at that age are able to judge a situation and behavior much better.

## DATING GUIDELINES

Gifts are always valuable, even if they are small or insignificant. It's the thought that counts. Some things which are always appreciated are book markers, photos, candy, a special dessert, t-shirts, a cassette of favorite songs, something monogrammed or homemade and many other similar small articles will always further a relationship.

Girls especially enjoy cologne, beach towels, clothes and always flowers. The flowers don't have to be roses either. They can be a fresh bouquet, a plant, irises, tulips, daisies, peonies or even wildflowers. Boys like tools, gadgets or usually anything that applies to the outdoors or cars.

If you want to run the more lucrative route and really try to impress someone, then shop in an exclusive part of town. Items that always make a big hit are: fine chocolates, pearls, lockets, cashmere, gold cufflinks or your pictures in a sterling silver frame.

Young folks tell me that they have certainly been appreciated when they have used some of the modern technologies to entertain with. They have Faxed a charming letter, left a romantic note on the answering machine, linked up their computers or have made videotapes of something appreciated that have all made excellent gifts.

Use your initiative, innovation and your creative mind to make a relationship advance the best that you can. Just one thing to remember: "Don't give a woman advice. One should never give a woman anything she can't wear in the evening."

Boys, don't take girls to R-rated movies. Keep your hands to yourself on dates. Don't smoke, drink or chew tobacco just to be macho. Or even worse, they could become a habit, a habit that is extremely hard to break. One fellow was trying to quit and said, "I've gone without smoking for three days and I feel like a different man," "Yeah, Saddam Hussein!" "Accidents are usually caused by three kinds of dangerous drivers: urban, suburban and bourbon!" Don't do drugs.

Treat girls with respect. Don't tell smutty stories to girls. Don't exaggerate to other guys just to build your image. Some girl's reputation may be ruined by idle gossip. And strange as it may seem, you make no lasting or beneficial impression for yourself with such futile and groundless talk. Have girls home and in the house at whatever time the parents set.

Many boys go through school and maybe mature or even go through life without ever discovering God's greatest gift for us: women. They never know what they are missing for so many years until they just happen to luck onto one. Boys, don't just think about a girl, get one. Boys should start working on this today (at about age 16) in order to have at least 10 courtships by the time they finish college or reach the stage to think about matrimony.

### **WHAT IS THE BEST AGE TO GET MARRIED?**

A teen-age marriage today has less than a 50-50 chance of being happy and succeeding. Some of the primary causes are: (1) marrying too young, (2) human nature – considering self first, (3) the economic factor, (4) who holds the responsibility and another major cause of divorce in teen-age marriages is (5) the "new morality."

From the ages of one to 16, the child is learning the basic things for life. At 12-14 the body usually speeds up growth and development. But by age 16, the average young person is ready to begin a little more advanced study into adulthood. Although, while at this age the person feels "grown up," his mind has not caught up with the body. The mind is still more child than adult. A human being is not a mere body. The married state needs maturity of mind, emotions and spiritual qualities as much as in physical adulthood. Although the boy and girl are physically able to become parents, they are not yet qualified to assume the responsibilities of parenthood.

The years between ages 16 and 25 are the vitally important years of adult preparation for life's work. During these years the mind is capable of acquiring knowledge faster. Most young people reach a certain mental maturity at age 25: A far more complete maturity of mind, personality, performance and influence of others is reached at age 30.

But here it is, and young people will do well to heed it. The BEST age for a man to marry is around 24 to 26, after he has devoted those peak learning years between 16 and 25 to mature education, experience and development; after he has acquired the knowledge, preparation and preliminary experience to assume adult responsibility.

The BEST age for a girl to marry is between 23 to 25, when she has utilized those peak learning years for preparation, and is prepared to assume the duties of being a good wife and mother.

U.S. News polls show that couples who wed for the first time after they turn 25 are less likely to be divorced a decade later than couples who wed while still in their teens. The survey also showed that the best age for a woman to marry, in most Americans' minds, is 24. For men, the ideal age is 25.

## **CHAPTER 8 TAKE MATRIMONY SERIOUSLY**

### **DON'T LEAVE IT TO CHANCE: USE WISDOM**

Young people considering matrimony should take more time and patience in selecting a partner. Far too many people do not make wise decisions in picking a mate, which should be for life. Much unhappiness and displeasure could be avoided if more wisdom and thoughtfulness were used. It also could nearly eliminate a possibility of the marriage ending among the sad statistics of divorce. This resembles the man applying for a job. He was asked if he could pick lemons. He said, "Can I – I've been married five times."

Most times people marry because they "fall in love" or at least think they have. Some psychologists describe falling in love as a state of temporary insanity characterized by intense excitement and longing, coupled with idealization of the object of love. The partner selected is expected to possess perfection as a companion, immediate understanding of the other, to be an ideal lover and to satisfy our emotional intimacy.

People who marry during such a type of insanity can very easily have burdensome times ahead when the real person begins to appear as the insanity wears off. "It compares to the man that said that he didn't know he had so many problems until he got married. But he was sure glad she was there to point them out to him." "Marriage is like sitting in a bathtub. Once you get used to it, it's not so hot."

If the relationship is sexual, the individuals often give very little thought to compatibility, only later to find that they have few things in common. Often people marry because of pregnancy or even a family problem at home. It is often said, "Children make very poor marriage partners." Shotgun weddings, where pregnancy is involved, often end with the mother being deserted. A shotgun wedding = A matter of wife or death.

The birth of children offers a major challenge in any marriage. Each individual must have developed to a degree where he will be willing to sacrifice the lack of freedom and loss of time, which is a necessity in parenting.

When alcohol or drugs are involved before a marriage, it is a sure sign of major problems ahead. Some marriages are based on material interests only; the "trophy partner" where individual attractiveness or personality is exchanged for economic se-



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curity. "One lady told her husband that Aunt Martha pays the rent, sister buys our food, mother buys us clothes, I wish we could do better." He replied, "You should, you've got two uncles who don't send us a dime." Regardless of the reason for matrimony, though, about every marriage can be a very successful experience and a most happy time for life, if God is put first.

## BEING A PARENT IS A GREAT CAREER

It is surely an honored position to be a mother and usher the kids into their best time of life. One of the greatest times in a child's life is coming home from school and a loving mother being there with fresh doughnuts, cake or some kind of snack to



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Great Career**

eat, and a warm greeting. Then she can listen to their stories about school, settle their disputes and back up the teacher for giving a whipping that day for fighting. As the mother said, "When that boy threw rocks at you, why didn't you tell the teacher?" The boy said, "Why tell her? She couldn't hit the side of the school house!"

Learn a career just in case some time in life you are forced to work. But instead, strive for a great woman's role in life as a loved homemaker, with a social life and family values such as PTA, Scout leader, bridge parties and benevolent works, and enjoy the greatest time of life: little children. One mother came home and asked, "Have you children been good?" "I washed the dishes." "I wiped them dry." "What did you do?" she asked the smallest one. "I picked up the pieces!" "Children are a great comfort in your old age, and they help you reach it faster!"

But don't start raising kids too early. Enjoy your youth, which is the best part of life. There is plenty of time to have the pleasure of raising a family. Besides, it is a tremendous responsibility to usher a child into the world of tomorrow.



**Learn A Career,  
Just In Case**

## DREAMS – INSIGHT COUPLED WITH ACTION

In early life, we are hoping to find someone with whom to share life's experiences: the joys, the sorrow, adventures of all kinds, someone with whom we can dream and make plans for the future. We need someone we can give to from our hearts, someone who will help assuage our loneliness and with whom we can grow old. But you cannot just dream about it, you must take action on the suggestions listed in this book while you are still young. "One trouble with growing old is that you stop feeling your oats and start feeling your corns."

Courtship is a critical testing ground for future compatibility, at which time we observe our partner's reaction to life. Are they sensitive, caring and reliable? Do they keep their word or do they give repeated excuses for why they have failed in their promises? Do they lie and cover up or do they tell the truth? Can you trust



them? Do they respect you and your ideas?

A reasonable courtship period also should allow sufficient time to see how you weather your first big fight. Serious differences of opinions or a clash over style or attitudes will occur before too long, even between two people who are very well suited to each other. How these frictions are resolved, however, will influence the viability of the relationship.

After you have been dating awhile, don't avoid bringing up "touchy" but important subjects, even if you believe that they might disturb your partner somewhat and cast a temporary pall over the relationship. It is far better to deal with these issues now rather than later. "Marriage gives a woman a new roof over her head and the right to raise it occasionally."

## HOPES AND DREAMS

When the above facts are observed and adhered to by high school, college and other young adults, it can make a difference as to whether your life is one of pleasure or drudgery. You either can endure each day by being unhappy, sad, gloomy and despondent, or you can wake up each day to the greatest day on earth, since it is full of fun, laughter, enjoyment and delight because you are loving and living with your best friend and helper.

Each student should learn these valuable principles in early teens. Then there would be no need for sex education in school and the offensive gifts that go along with it, or the divorces later in life.

Young folks today just can't imagine how rough the future is going to be without proper planning. They think that the right one will just drop out of the sky or somewhere and everything will have a happy ending. It very, very seldom happens that easily. Don't put it off. Do something. You have to have enough ambition to make a move and pursue it. Your "Time Clock" has been punched – stand up and be counted.

Most of us didn't learn these things, though, until later in life.

"The way I chose my wife was that a bunch of us country boys went to town one Saturday because we had heard that they were bringing a wagonload of girls to town from away back in the hills. So when the girls got there, I just picked the ticks off of one of them and she followed me home!"



**Your Time  
Clock Has  
Been Punched**

## **CHAPTER 9**

### **THINGS TO DO ON A DATE**

#### **MANY YOUNG ADULTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING PROVEN SUGGESTIONS FOR THINGS TO DO ON A FUN DATE**

##### **CAR**

- Sightsee by car in your city.
- Spend a Sunday afternoon touring the Parade of Homes.
- Go for a ride in the desert in a jeep.
- Walk to where you are going, don't drive.
- Learn to drive a standard shift car.
- Double date or go with groups of friends in a car, van or bus and go on tours, float trips, ballgames, picnics and other outings.
- Attend the stock car races.

##### **CARDS**

- Get up a gin rummy game.
- Play a romantic game of hearts.
- Get the gang together for a wild game of UNO
- Play spades.
- Learn to play pitch.
- Learn to play bridge.
- Play a game of Baloney (or known as BS also), extra fun with the right people.
- Play blackjack, the loser treats the winners.
- Get rich at penny-ante poker.
- Show your friends your favorite card tricks.

##### **BOATING**

Take a float trip (the ultimate in sports) down a clear stream, (either fishing, or just enjoying the scenery and maybe swimming in each big hole of water that you come to), then have lunch on a gravel bar.

- Take a float trip down a clear stream on an inner-tube.
- Take a scenic canoe trip.
- Spend a day on a pontoon boat.
- Go fishing together at sunrise.
- Take a row boat to the lake and paddle around.
- Try fishing from a boat.
- Scope out a boat show.
- Break the ice by ice fishing.
- Spend some time at a river campsite.
- Go exploring in a glass-bottom boat.



Relax on a riverboat cruise.  
Try your hand at sailboating.  
Explore a marina and see all the different boats.  
Take a ferryboat ride.  
Go deep sea fishing.

### **CELEBRATION**

Sample the goodies at a fall festival.  
Celebrate, (don't take your good times for granted).  
Celebrate Friday the 13th with all your spooky friends.  
Celebrate your dating anniversaries, three months, a year, etc.

### **CHRISTMAS**

After checking each one, select and chop down a Christmas tree.  
Go to a Christmas tree show to get new ideas for decorating.  
Gather pine cones for Christmas.  
Search a Christmas store to find that special ornament.  
Make your own special Christmas ornaments.  
Spend a fun-filled evening decorating the Christmas tree.  
Make your Christmas list.  
Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade together.  
Have a Christmas party.  
Walk around your neighborhood to enjoy the Christmas lights.  
Drive around and look at the Christmas lights.  
Join in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.  
Get a group and go Christmas caroling together.  
Spread holiday spirit by listening to Christmas music.  
Share your favorite Christmas memory.  
Set out milk and cookies and watch for Santa.

### **CHURCH**

Attend a Sunday school class together  
Sing in the church choir together.  
Worship together at a church.  
Go to a sunrise service together.  
Take part in a church social.  
Host a Bible study group.  
Sing along at a gospel concert.  
Help with a church supper.  
Do volunteer church work as a team.  
Invite your minister to eat with you.  
Study the Bible together.  
Share your religious beliefs.  
Pray for each other.

## **CIVIC**

Visit with your congressman at his local office.  
Check the pros and cons of a political speech.  
Write a letter to your congressman.  
Attend a city council meeting.  
Observe a news conference.  
Be part of a ribbon-cutting ceremony.  
Support a fund raising event.

## **DANCE**

Learn to dance.  
Learn the two step, the waltz, the tango, the twist, etc.  
Attend a country club dance.  
Attend your homecoming dance.  
Enter a dance contest.  
Ask him to a Sadie Hawkins dance.  
Go to a vaudeville show.  
Appreciate the grace and beauty of the ballet.  
Learn how to clog dance.  
Join a square dance.  
Have a barn dance.  
Dress up in evening clothes to attend a formal dance.  
Learn the Charleston.  
Learn the jitterbug of the 50s.  
Learn to waltz.  
Try doing the polka.  
Try folk dancing.  
Dance at home to the radio.

## **EATING**

Go out for pizza.  
Dine at a seafood restaurant.  
Select your own lobster for dinner at a restaurant.  
Take your moms out to eat on Mother's Day.  
Have dinner on the deck at a marina restaurant.  
Have "your table" at your favorite restaurant.  
After church, go out to lunch.  
Try some Cajun cooking.  
Try an ethnic food.  
Grill some steaks on the barbecue grill.  
Discover an out-of-the-way cafe.  
Eat a big truckers breakfast at a truck stop.  
Host a Hawaiian luau.  
Try a Japanese dinner and eat with chopsticks.  
Meet your friends for burgers after the game.  
Share a banana split.

Try an ice cream sundae on a Sunday.  
Share a milkshake at a soda fountain with two straws.  
Make fresh-squeezed lemonade.  
Go for the cotton candy.  
Dress formally for a snack at Burger King.  
Make a homemade pan pizza.  
Cook a dinner buffet for your favorite people.  
Have a backyard cookout.  
Roast chestnuts during the holidays.  
Make some spicy chili on a cold night.  
Enjoy an ice-cold watermelon on a hot summer day.  
Have a fish fry.  
Try making salt-water taffy.  
Make snow ice cream.  
Make homemade ice cream.  
Fix a home-cooked meal from scratch.  
Go to a family birthday dinner.  
Take your parents out to dinner.

### **EXERCISE**

Go for an early morning walk.  
Jog together and get in shape.  
For an adventure in exercising, go mountain hiking.  
Hike for the exercise and fresh air.  
Work out together at the gym.  
Take a bike ride.  
Enjoy touring the countryside on a bicycle.  
Rent a tandem bicycle for a new experience.

### **FANTASIZE**

Buy a lottery ticket and plan your winnings.  
Share your dreams.  
Tour a local mansion and imagine your life in the 1800s.  
Daydream what your lives will be like 10 years from now.  
Share the fantasy of how you would spend a million dollars.

### **FARM ADVENTURE**

Spend a day on a ranch.  
If you are a city dweller, spend a day in the country or vice versa.  
Build a tree house.  
Go pick wild strawberries.  
Snuggle on a sleigh ride in the snow.  
Enter a hog-calling contest at the county fair.  
Visit a botanical garden.  
Stroll through a flower market.  
See the excitement of a stockyard auction.

Win a bear at the county fair.  
Watch cowboys in action at a rodeo.

### **FUN WITH A CAMERA**

Make snapshots of each other.  
Capture special moments with your camera.  
Make your own Candid Camera show using a camcorder.  
Start a scrapbook of your dates together.  
Check out the family photo albums.  
Share some laughs while looking at your baby pictures.  
Take a photography class

### **HOLIDAY**

Worship on Easter together.  
Make a New Year's resolution list.  
Celebrate Valentine's Day by yourselves.  
Watch the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.  
Have a private romantic New Year's Eve party for two.  
Celebrate July 4th by attending a fireworks extravaganza.  
Play an April Fool's Day prank

### **HORSE**

Take a horseback ride.  
Go to a horse show.  
Go for a carriage ride in the park.

### **INDOORS** **Business**

Help prepare a resume.  
Role play to prepare for a job interview.  
Devise a fabulous money making project.  
Help address graduation announcement.  
Go "house hunting" by looking through the real estate ads.  
Learn oil painting.  
Join a debate team.  
Tackle a project from a "do-it-yourself" book.  
Assemble a first-aid kit.

### **Eat**

Pop popcorn for an evening snack in front of the television.  
Share a root beer float.

## **Games**

Play Ping-Pong.  
Compete at video games.  
Learn to play chess.  
Challenge each other at Nintendo.  
Play Crazy Eights.  
Play a complete game of Monopoly.  
Play Trivial Pursuit.  
Play the "what if" game and be careful how you answer the questions.  
Play the game of Scruples.  
Try the game of 20 questions.  
Learn to play cribbage

## **Personal**

Stay at home for a date.  
Share your personal beliefs.  
Tell about your most embarrassing moment.  
Discuss your thoughts and feelings about life after death.  
Share stories about your life history.  
Offer to help each other solve a problem.  
Always keep your word to each other.  
Tell about your childhood heroes and heroines.  
Describe your favorite hobbies.  
But don't feel like you must talk all of the time: enjoy quiet times.

## **Plan**

Plan exciting future dates together.  
Make a guest list for a joint party.  
Create a birthday wish list.  
Address party invitations.

## **Read**

Read the Sunday comics to each other.  
Read the Guinness Book of Records.  
Read Emily Post together to improve your manners.

## **Relax**

Watch the last ember go out in the fireplace.  
Lazy way to shop - thumb through a Penneys catalog together.  
Tell knock-knock jokes.  
Share all of your jokes.  
Spend a snow day together.  
Sit next to a window and watch it snow.  
Speak in a foreign language for the entire date.

### **Reminisce**

Check out your high school yearbook and share memories.  
Talk about the family pictures on the wall.  
Discuss your most enjoyable times.

### **Shows**

Watch home movies if you dare.  
Watch a favorite foreign film.  
Phone in a request for "your song" on the radio.  
Enter a radio call-in contest.  
Keep up with current events, watch the local and national news.  
Listen to comedy records.  
Watch your favorite sports team in action.

### **Write**

Write a letter to the editor.  
Write poems to each other.

## **OUTDOORS**

Don't just hang around the house all day, (do something).

### **Beach**

Listen to the waves crash against the shore.  
Kick off your shoes and go wading in the water.  
See how many times that you can make a rock skip across the pond.  
Hunt interesting shells together.  
Enjoy a sunset walk along the beach.  
Build a big bonfire on the beach.  
Build sand castles on the beach.  
Try surfing.

### **Event**

Go to the circus again with the eyes of a child.  
Watch a marching band.  
Stroll through the midway at a fair.  
Go early to get a good spot to enjoy a parade.  
Spend the day at a carnival.  
Join the excitement at an airshow.  
Try the goodies at a bake sale.

### **Excursions**

Ride the go-karts.  
Try snorkeling for a new thrill.  
Go scuba diving to explore the beauty of the underwater world.  
Experience the exhilaration of white water rafting.



Try water skiing.  
Try the bunny slopes with snow skiing.  
Cruise down the river aboard a paddle wheeler.  
Try hot air ballooning.  
Race go-karts and bumper cars.  
Rent mopeds for the day.  
Take a helicopter ride.  
Climb a look-out tower.  
Take some “innocents” friends snipe hunting.  
Get a crowd and go on a hay ride.  
Try rock collecting for unusual stones.  
Try wood carving.  
Hunt for a buried treasure.  
Bundle up and build a snowman.  
Have a snowball fight.  
Build a snow fort or igloo.  
Cool off on a hot summer day by swimming.  
Take swimming lessons.  
Take a hike in the mountains.  
Gather fall foliage for holiday decorations.  
Dig night crawlers for fishing bait.  
Scream while riding a Ferris wheel.  
Go sledding in the snow.  
Spend the day four-wheeling.

### **Explore**

Listen to echoes in a cave.  
Imagine space ships while looking through a telescope at the stars.  
Put notes in balloons to see which balloon goes the farthest.  
Put a note in a bottle – toss it in a river: see if you ever hear from it.  
Put a note in a bottle and set it adrift in the sea.  
Pick out a pet in a pet store.  
Explore an unknown path in the woods.  
Tour a wildlife preservation.  
Tour a part of town you’ve never been in.  
Tour an historical building.  
View the city lights at night from tall buildings.  
Attend an antique auction and be amazed by the prices.  
Meander back roads.  
Take a leisurely walk in the woods.  
Visit your old neighborhood together  
Go trailblazing.

### **Friends**

Have a mystery date – a friend makes all the arrangements.  
Be a matchmaker for your dateless friend.  
Host a roast.  
Have a “bring your own meat to barbecue” cook-out  
Hang out at the Student Union with your friends.

### **Games**

Play checkers.  
Try tobogganing.  
Try acrobatics on a trampoline.  
Play bingo.

### **Parks**

Spend a fun day at a theme park.  
Ride the rides at an amusement park.  
Picnic in a nearby state park.

### **Personal**

Ask your date out with a formal invitation.  
Take your date to a formal activity.  
Walk her home after school and carry her books.

### **Relax**

Go fly a kite.  
Take a stroll on a foggy night.  
Hunt for four-leaf clovers.  
Throw a frisbee in a empty lot.  
Pick wildflowers in the woods.  
Enjoy a walk in the rain.  
Take a moonlit walk.  
Celebrate the return of spring with a picnic in the park.  
Enjoy the shade under an oak tree on a hot summer day.  
Make a wish on a full moon.  
Relax in a sauna.  
Catch some rays on the roof or deck.  
Sit on a park bench and watch the world go by.  
Spend a quiet afternoon in the library.  
Spend the day floating in a pool.  
Visit a zoo.



### **Shopping**

Spend a day shopping at the mall.  
Sort through the treasures at a yard sale.  
Hit all the garage sales on the weekend.  
Attend a celebrity auction fundraiser.  
At the mall, split up to buy each other a fun gift.

### **Tours**

Visit a local television station.  
Visit an historic battlefield.  
Tour a docked ship.  
Go see a spring and wade in the stream.  
Visit an old water mill.  
Climb a forest tower.  
Tour a fish hatchery.

### **MUSIC**

Go singing in the rain.  
Discuss your tastes in music.  
Spend an evening listening to your favorite albums.  
Play your favorite tunes on a jukebox.  
Listen to a golden oldies station.  
Use your talents by joining the Glee Club.  
Sing in the local choir.  
Sing hymns around the piano.  
Crank up the victrola to play your parents old 78s.  
Try clogging at a bluegrass festival.  
Throw an old-fashioned hoedown.  
Play a duet.  
Make your own record.  
Go to a barbershop quartet concert.  
Try yodeling but not in public.

### **PARKS**

Visit a national or state park together.  
Take in a theme park, such as Silver Dollar City, Dolly Land and etc.  
Explore a nature center.  
Attend a Sunday afternoon concert in the park.  
See the treasures at a local museum.

### **PARTY** **Seasonal**

Throw a tailgate party before a football game.  
Host a garden party in the spring.  
Have a "Christmas in July" party.

Watch baseball's all-star game with the gang.  
Host or attend a New Year's Eve party.  
Celebrate Leap Year on February 29th.  
Host a spooky Halloween party.  
Have a "Black Cat" Friday the 13th party.  
Join with good friends for a special Christmas party.  
Enjoy a springtime lawn party

### **Celebration**

Host an anniversary party for your folks.  
Throw a surprise birthday party.  
Make your date's birthday a festive occasion.  
Celebrate your 25th, 50th, etc., dates.  
Treat your boss by throwing a party.  
Celebrate the birthday of a friend.

### **Water**

Set sail on a pontoon boat party.  
Dive into a pool party.  
Have a winter party on the beach.

### **Special occasion**

Renew family ties at a family reunion.  
Have a welcome home party for a pal.  
Give a finals week party after finals are finally over.  
Throw a World Series party on the fifth game.  
Host a Final Four party.  
Throw a Super Bowl party.  
Celebrate with a graduation party.  
Throw a bon voyage party for your departing friends

### **Low cost**

Host a pot luck dinner.  
Have coffee to introduce your single friends to each other.  
Neighborhood  
Meet new friends at a neighborhood party.  
Organize a progressive dinner party.  
Host a "come-as-you-are" party.  
Kick off your favorite sport with a pregame party.  
Watch Monday night football.  
Have a garage party.  
Host an election night party for your favorite candidate.  
Play name that tune.  
For absolutely no reason at all, throw a party.

## PEOPLE

Watch people at the mall.  
Visit your family.  
Visit with your grandparents.  
Drop in on old friends.  
Renew old friendships during a homecoming weekend.

## PICNIC

Pack your picnic basket.  
Grill a fun feast in the park.  
Have a toasty winter wiener roast.  
Have a picnic in the backyard.  
Go to the river for a July 4th picnic.  
Host a Labor Day picnic under a tree.  
Enjoy a sunset picnic.  
Have a picnic at the beach.  
Attend a family Memorial Day picnic.  
Start the day off right with a sunrise picnic breakfast.  
Go on a midnight picnic.  
Enjoy a candlelight picnic.  
Have a box-lunch picnic.  
Roast marshmallows over the fire.  
Pick up a carry-out dinner and eat it at your favorite spot.  
Make S'mores over a campfire.



## POLITICS

Campaign for your favorite candidate.  
Attend a political debate.  
Take an active part in a political function.  
Celebrate at an election party.

## SCHOOL

Attend a high school graduation ceremony.  
Visit your old school playground.  
Take part in a pep rally.  
Check out several colleges then decide which one is right for you.  
Attend your high school reunion together and visit the teachers.  
Tour a college campus.  
Revive your school spirit at an alumni function.  
Visit your alma mater.  
Talk about your day at school.  
Attend a high school play.

## SHOPPING

Shop for clothes at a back-to-school sale.  
Window shop elegant stores.  
Window shop after the stores have closed.  
Visit a pet shop and wish for a puppy.  
Look for the bargains in a pawn shop.  
Spend more imagination than money.  
Help each other find a Father's Day gift.  
Buy matching t-shirts.  
Shop for garden fresh produce at a farmers market.  
Fight the crowds the day after Thanksgiving, the busiest time of the year.  
Spend an afternoon shopping for Christmas gifts.  
Attend a craft show.

## SPORTS

Play football.  
Join a ski club together.  
Try playing handball.  
Get on a co-ed softball team.  
Play shuffleboard.  
Learn to rollerblade.  
Watch bowl games all day long on January 1st.  
Attend an ice hockey game.  
Try archery.  
Join a sports club.  
Try shooting pool.  
Play badminton.  
Play in a volley ball league.  
Have fun at putt-putt golf.  
Play table shuffleboard.  
Play Ping-Pong.  
Play racquetball for a good work out.  
Watch a Little League football game.  
Attend a local youth soccer game.  
Go to a minor league baseball game.  
Play croquet on the front lawn.  
Play tennis or racquetball.  
Go bowling.  
Play in a couples golf tournament.  
Roller skate.  
Pitch horseshoes.  
Go to a demolition derby.  
Play touch football.  
Shoot baskets.  
Watch a gymnastics meet.  
Learn how to water ski.

Play tennis.  
Jump rope for fitness.  
Go bungee jumping.  
Start the "wave" at a ball game.  
Have a marbles tournament.

### **STAGE AND MOVIES**

See a movie.  
Attend a beauty pageant.  
Participate in a talent show.  
Audition for a part in a play.  
Go see a local play.  
Attend a talent show.  
Be fascinated at a magic show.  
Go to a college play together.  
Enjoy a stage musical.  
Attend a Pops concert.  
Experience the majesty of the opera.

### **STUDY**

Study together.  
Work on a term paper together.  
Cram for finals.  
Team up to work on a school project.  
Take a computer class.  
Take a sign language class.  
Take a compatibility test.  
Take a first-aid class together.  
Listen to your date practice his or her speech over and over and over.  
Learn to be confident speakers at a toastmaster's meeting.  
Take a correspondence course together.  
Listen to motivational tapes together.

### **VOLUNTEER**

Take food to shut-ins.  
Prepare Easter baskets for underprivileged kids.  
Brighten a child's day by visiting an orphanage.  
Cheer up a friend together.  
Visit a friend in the hospital.  
Remember to brighten the day of someone in a nursing home.  
Lend support during a tough time.  
Volunteer to help at a soup kitchen.  
Write to a serviceman or servicewomen overseas.  
Shovel snow for a senior citizen.  
Volunteer to chaperone a youth group camp-out.  
Teach Vacation Bible School.

For added pocket change, recycle aluminum cans.  
Keep your neighborhood clean by picking up litter.  
Entertain at a children's hospital.  
Do charity work and help others.  
Donate blood.  
Teach a child to read.  
Tutor a child together.  
Make candy apples to give away for Halloween treats.  
Become involved in your area wildlife society.  
Plant a tree in memory of a loved one.  
Read this book together.











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